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 TO DIRECTOR AND NEW YORK  
 NEW YORK VIA WASHINGTON-ENCODED  
 FROM CHICAGO 102305

UNSUBS; NOI MEMBERS WHO ALLEGEDLY MAY ASSASSINATE GORDON PARKS,  
 NEGRO WRITER AND PHOTOGRAPHER OF TIME-LIFE, INC., NYC. RM.

RE NEW YORK TEL TO DIRECTOR AND CHICAGO MARCH 9 LAST.

NOI SOURCES AVAILABLE CHICAGO HAVE NO INFO RE PLOT TO  
 MAIN OR KILL GORDON PARKS OR TRAVEL [REDACTED] TO NEW YORK  
 CITY WEEK MARCH 1 THRU 8 LAST. SOURCE [REDACTED]  
 ADVISED [REDACTED] DURING PERTINENT  
 WEEK [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] IN PERTINENT PERIOD. CG 6119-S\*, CLOSE TO ELIJAH MUHAMMAD,  
 ADVISED HE MADE NO REFERENCE TO ARTICLE BY PARKS NOR DID SOURCE  
 HAVE ANY KNOWLEDGE OF CONTACT OF MUHAMMAD BY [REDACTED] OF NEW  
 YORK. SAME SOURCE ADVISED [REDACTED] DESCRIBED BY SOURCE AS  
 FRIEND OF PARKS, IN CONTACT

LAST. POSSIBLE [REDACTED] IS SOURCE AVAILABLE TO [REDACTED] AND PARKS OF  
 TIME-LIFE. PHOTOGRAPHER AND PHOTOGRAPH AND DESCRIPTION OF  
 [REDACTED] AS WELL AS [REDACTED] "STRONGMEN" IN CHICAGO NOI,  
 FURNISHED NEW YORK BY CHICAGO AIRTEL TO DIRECTOR, CC NEW YORK,  
 DATED FEBRUARY 27 LAST, TITLED "MALCOLM K. LITTLE, IS-MMI".

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TO DIRECTOR -13- AND CHICAGO  
FROM NEW YORK 157-1430

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I [REDACTED] NATION OF ISLAM  
UNSUBS., NOI MEMBERS WHO ALLEGEDLY MAY ASSASSINATE GORDON PARKS, NEGRO M  
WRITER AND PHOTOGRAPHER OF TIME-LIFE INC., NYC, RM.

ON THREE NINE SIXTY FIVE, [REDACTED] CHIEF COUNSEL, TIME-LIFE,  
INC., NYC, AND GORDON PARKS, FORMER STAFF WRITER OF TIME-LIFE, WHO NOW IS  
A FREE LANCE WRITER, ADVISED OF A PLOT BY THE NOI ON THE LIFE OF GORDON  
PARKS. DETAILS OF THIS PLOT WERE DISCLOSED BY A CONFIDENTIAL SOURCE KNOWN  
TO [REDACTED] AND PARKS, WHOM THEY DESCRIBED AS WELL PLACED IN THE NOI  
AND HAVING FURNISHED HIGHLY RELIABLE INFO FOR THE PAST [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] WOULD NOT DISCLOSE THE SOURCE-S IDENTITY IN VIEW OF THE POTENTIAL  
DANGER TO THE SOURCE IF HIS IDENTITY BE KNOWN.

THE REASON FOR THIS PLOT IS BASED UPON AN ARTICLE AUTHORED  
BY PARKS IN THE MARCH FIVE, SIXTY FIVE ISSUE OF "LIFE" CAPTIONED " I  
WAS A ZOMBIE-THEN-LIKE ALL MUSLIMS I WAS HYPNOTIZED". THIS ARTICLE,  
ACCORDING TO [REDACTED] IN GENERAL, IS QUITE FAVORABLE TOWARDS MALCOLM X AND  
IS DISPARAGING OF THE NOI. ON THREE ONE SIXTY FIVE , UPON ADVICE OF THE  
SOURCE WHO WAS READ THIS ARTICLE BY [REDACTED] PRIOR TO ITS PUBLICATION,  
PARKS WITH HIS WIFE AND THREE CHILDREN LEFT THE NY AREA FOR PUERTO  
RICO FOR REASON OF SECURITY AGAINST NOI REPRISALS. ACCORDING TO THIS  
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L7W6 SOURCE-S, L14 W8 [REDACTED]

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SOURCE, AFTER THIS ISSUE OF LIFE WAS RELEASED IN THE NY AREA ON THREE TWO SIXTY FIVE, IT WAS LEARNED THAT THE NOI WAS INFURIATED AND AT AN NOI MEETING IN NYC THAT DAY, IT WAS DECIDED THAT PARKS MUST BE EITHER KILLED OR MAIMED AND THAT BY DOING THIS OTHER NEGRO WRITERS WOULD BE KEPT IN LINE. A TELEPHONE CALL WAS MADE TO THE NOI IN CHICAGO BY A

[REDACTED] INFORMING OF THIS ARTICLE. AFTER THIS ISSUE OF LIFE APPEARED IN CHICAGO ON THREE THREE SIXTY FIVE, A MEETING WAS HELD BY NOI IN CHICAGO. AMONG THOSE ATTENDING THIS MEETING WERE HERBERT AND [REDACTED] SONS OF ELIJAH MUHAMMAD, AND SHARIEFF, THE SON-IN-LAW OF ELIJAH AND HEAD OF THE FOI. IT WAS DECIDED AT THIS MEETING TO SEND AN ENFORCER, [REDACTED] PH/ TO NYC TO EITHER KILL OR MAIM PARKS. [REDACTED]

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ON THE EVENING OF THREE EIGHT SIXTY FIVE, PARKS, WITHOUT HIS FAMILY, RETURNED FROM PUERTO RICO AT WHICH TIME HE CONTACTED THE SOURCE TO DETERMINE IF THERE IS A CONTINUING DANGER FOR HIS SAFETY IN THE NY AREA. THE SOURCE ADVISED HIM THAT [REDACTED] HAS RETURNED TO THE CHICAGO AREA BUT SUGGESTED THAT HE CONTINUE TO STAY OUT OF THE NY AREA BECAUSE THE ISSUE IS STILL HOT.

[REDACTED] SAID THAT MAXIMUM PROTECTION WAS BEING OFFERED BY TIME-  
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LIFE TO PARKS. HE IS BEING PERSONALLY PROTECTED ON A TWENTY FOUR HOUR BASIS BY TWO DETECTIVES FROM THE BURNS DETECTIVE AGENCY WHILE HE IS IN NYC UNTIL HE RETURNS TO PUERTO RICO, POSSIBLY THIS THURSDAY. THE WESTCHESTER CO. POLICE HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED AND ARE GIVING PROTECTION TO HIS HOME AT FIFTEEN ADAMS PLACE, WHITE PLAINS, NY. THE NYCPD HAS BEEN NOTIFIED BY

[REDACTED] PARKS WILL BE INCOMMUNICADO DURING THE IMMEDIATE PERIOD IN NY PRIOR TO LEAVING FOR PUERTO RICO AND WILL NOT BE NEAR HIS HOME OR OFFICE AT TWENTY THREE BEEKMAN PLACE , NYC. HE WILL DEPART FOR PUERTO RICO THIS THURSDAY AND WILL BE GONE FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS. HOWEVER, THERE ARE NO DEFINITE PLANS THAT HE WILL STAY IN PUERTO RICO SINCE ADDITIONAL PRECAUTIONS ARE BEING TAKEN TO CONCEAL HIM.

NYO HAS RECEIVED NO INFO FROM NOI INFORMANTS SUBSTANTIATING THIS INFO. DET. [REDACTED] BSS, NYCPD, WAS ADVISED ON THREE NINE SIXTY FIVE OF THE ABOVE MATTER.

CGO CONTACT INFORMANTS CONCERNING THIS ASSASSINATION PLOT FOR SUBSTANTIATING INFO AND ALSO ATTEMPT TO IDENTIFY [REDACTED] MENTIONED HEREIN.

NY WILL CONTINUE CONTACTING INFORMANTS FOR INFO ON THIS MATTER.

LHM TO FOLLOW.

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[redacted] stated that for the immediate future Parks will be contacted by no one except through his clearance. He said that it is planned that Parks will return to Puerto Rico on March 11, 1965, and that he will remain there or possibly another location for two weeks. After this period the source of their information will be recontacted and if he assures them that conditions are somewhat normal and safe for Parks, he and his family will return to the New York City area.

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Confidential informants in the New York City area familiar with NOI activities were contacted on March 9 and 10, 1965, at which time they could furnish nothing concerning the above mentioned matter.

On March 9, 1965, Detective [redacted] Bureau of Special Services, New York City Police Department, advised that their division had no information concerning the above matter.

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Characterizations of the NOI and FOI are attached herewith.



## UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

New York, New York

March 11, 1965

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

15 Adams St. White Plains,  
N.Y.

Unknown Subjects; Nation of Islam Members  
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Racial Matters

On March 9, 1965, [redacted] Chief Counsel, Time-Life, Incorporated, 50th Street and 6th Avenue, New York, New York, and Gordon Parks, a former staff member of Time-Life, who is presently employed on a free-lance basis, advised of a plot of certain undisclosed members of the Nation of Islam (NOI) on the life of Gordon Parks for having written an article appearing in the March 5, 1965, issue of Life Magazine, which was unfavorable to the NOI. This article is captioned "I Was A Zombie Then-Like All Muslims I Was Hypnotized".

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According to [redacted] and Parks, information concerning this plot was told to them by a confidential source known to both of them who is familiar with NOI activities and who has furnished reliable information to them in the past. In view of the dangerousness of this situation, [redacted] insisted on concealing the sources identity.

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[redacted] stated that on the day the mentioned "Life" had been distributed in the New York area, March 2, 1965, the NOI became infuriated after reading the article. Certain unidentified members had a meeting and decided that Gordon Parks would have to be killed or at least injured in a serious manner so that other Negro writers would be "kept in line". On this date, a [redacted] of the NOI in New York City, telephoned certain members of the NOI in Chicago and advised them of this article.

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[redacted] stated that the source advised that when the NOI in Chicago read this article the following day, March 3, 1965, which is the day this issue of "Life" began circulation in Chicago, a meeting was held concerning action to be taken towards Parks. This meeting was attended by several NOI members, among whom were Herbert and [redacted] described as sons of Elijah Muhammad, and Sharrieff, who is the leader of the Fruit of Islam (FOI) in Chicago, and also is a son-in-law of Elijah Muhammad.

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At the above meeting, according to the source, it was decided that on the following day, March 4, 1965, one Louis X (phonetic) [redacted]

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would attempt to either assassinate Parks or seriously injure him.

[redacted] was described by the source as being a Negro. [redacted]

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[redacted] had at one time met Parks and knows him. Parks stated that although he might have met him, he does not recall him.

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[redacted] advised that the above antagonism by the NOI was predicted by their source, who after hearing the text of this article on February 28, 1965, suggested that Parks leave the New York area prior to the day this issue of "Life" would begin circulation and to stay

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away until the situation became safe for him. Based on this advice, Parks, with his wife and three children, left for Puerto Rico on March 1, 1965, where their residence was concealed.

Parks advised that he returned from Puerto Rico on the evening of March 8, 1965, at which time he contacted the source who advised him that [redacted]

The source however advised that the situation concerning Parks and his remaining in the New York area was still dangerous and that he should continue being out of contact for an indefinite period.

[redacted] stated that Parks will return to Puerto Rico on Thursday, March 11, 1965, where he will be in hiding for approximately two weeks. In the meantime, he has a 24 hour guard by detectives of the Burns Detective Agency.

[redacted] resides at 15 Adams Place, White Plains, New York, where his wife and children also reside and has an office, weekday residence at 23 Beekman Place, New York City. He does not intend to reside at either residence during the immediate future.

[redacted] stated that the Westchester County Police were advised of the impending danger concerning Parks, and currently are protecting his home in White Plains.

[redacted] stated that he advised the New York City Police Department of this matter.

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ReNYtel, dated 3/9/65, and Chicago teletype,  
dated 3/11/65.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are eight  
copies, and Chicago four copies, of the attached LHM,  
dated and captioned as above.

The interview conducted in the attached LHM  
was by SA FRANK BYDLON.

New York will continue contacting its informants  
concerning this matter for all pertinent information.

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3- Bureau (Enc.8) (RM)  
6- Chicago (Enc.6) (RM)

(1- [REDACTED])  
(1- HERBERT MUHAMMAD)  
(1- RAYMOND SHARRIEFF)  
(1- 100-3653) (NOI)  
1- New York (105-7809) (NOI)  
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